

## Broker Seized In Alleged Plot To Buy Pardon

**Maurice Rosenberg Is Indicted After Governor Smith Testifies Before the Grand Jury**

**Another Man Is Sought**

**Two Confess to Paying \$5,000 to Obtain the Release of Their Relative**

Governor Smith appeared before the regular grand jury yesterday as the chief complaining witness against Maurice Rosenberg, insurance broker, with offices at 154 Nassau Street, and one unnamed co-defendant. The two were alleged to have been implicated in a scheme to obtain, by bribery, commutation of the sentence of Jacob Smith, prisoner at the Auburn State Prison.

After considering a petition urging a Governor Smith last month signed an order, to take effect October 1, for commutation of the sentence of Jacob Smith, a milk dealer, convicted on the charge of having set fire to dairy buildings he and his brother, Louis Smith, occupied at



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Cato, Cayuga County, which they leased from Jacob Albert Rich, of Brooklyn. The Governor received word that it was being said that he had received a sum of money for passing favorably on the application, which had been signed by a great number of prominent citizens of Cayuga County as well as outsiders, including Judge Rich.

**One Arrest, Yada**

The Governor immediately communicated with District Attorney Swann, Talley to Albany on September 7 to confer with Governor Smith. After this conference an investigation was started.

Mrs. Rebecca Smith, wife of Jacob Smith, who is now serving a term in Auburn prison, and his brother, Louis, when questioned, confessed to having paid \$5,000 to two men who claimed to be close friends of the Governor, and who, for a sum of money, would be glad to obtain the pardon of Jacob Smith.

After yesterday's session of the grand jury had the case of Maurice Rosenberg, one of the close friends of the Governor, was arrested by Detective Kilroy on a bench warrant charging grand larceny by procuring money under false pretenses.

Assistant District Attorney Talley, discussing the case yesterday afternoon, said: "The money changed hands in a room of a house in Times Square. The unnamed defendant accepted part of money and told Mrs. Smith that he would see somebody about the pardon of Jacob Smith. Later he returned to the room and exhibited a letter stating that the commutation had been granted."

**Smith Still in Prison**

"The unnamed defendant actually got this letter," Mr. Talley explained, "stating that Jacob Smith's sentence was to be commuted, from a clerk at the State House, where the knowledge was common that the Governor had passed favorably on the application. The unnamed defendant secured this letter by representing himself as a close friend of Mrs. Rebecca Smith."

District Attorney Swann emphatically denied that he had ever heard of any such thing.

Jacob Smith is still in prison. His commutation has been temporarily revoked.

**Widow Is Accused of \$750,000 Stock Swindle**

**Katherine M. Stanton Indicted on Charge of Using the Mails to Defraud**

Katherine M. Stanton, widow of the son of a wealthy mining man, was indicted yesterday by the Federal grand jury on a charge of using the mails to defraud investors in oil stock of \$750,000.

Also named in the indictment were the K. M. Stanton Co., Inc., the Stanton Oil Company, Frank Dwyer and Albert Froelich. Mrs. Stanton is said to be the head of the two concerns.

The Stanton Oil Company did produce oil, it is said, but not in the quantity which was represented in circulars sent to prospective investors. Nor does the company own all the property it claimed, according to the indictment.

The two companies were organized in May, 1917, and began business in June of that year. They had not been in operation two weeks, it was said, when a dividend of 36 per cent was declared. This was months before the company sold any oil.

The Stanton company is said to have been a brokerage house for the oil concern. Both had offices at 30 Broad Street. Dwyer and Froelich are alleged to have been promoters of the stock of the two companies. The oil company was organized with a capital stock of 3,000,000 shares at \$1 a share, it is said.

## Legion Renews Bonus Demand Upon Congress

**South Carolina Only State to Vote No, Because of Fear in Regard to Its Effect on Colored Workers**

**Neutral on Labor Issue**

**Constitutional Ban on Politics Stands; Universal Army Training Approved**

**By Frank J. Price Jr.**

CLEVELAND, Sept. 28.—Once again the veterans of the World War have registered their emphatic demand on Congress for immediate legislation which will give to the country's fighting men the adjusted compensation, or bonus, for service.

At today's session of the second annual convention of the American Legion delegates from virtually every state and territory, with the exception of South Carolina, adopted a report of the committee on adjusted compensation which recommended that the Legion direct its national executive committee to "take the action necessary to insure the prompt passage by Congress of the fourfold adjusted compensation measure sponsored by the veterans' organization during the last session of Congress."

This measure, the Fordney bill, passed the House by a vote of 289 to 92, and is still pending in the Senate. South Carolina's stand against it was said to be taken because of the fear of the whites in that state that the acquiring of a cash bonus by the negro veterans might seriously affect the industries there.

**Stands for Law and Order**

Another action taken by the convention late to-night was the endorsement by the American Legion of Commander D'Olier's recent statement that the Legion is neutral in all disputes between capital and labor and stands for the maintenance of law and order whenever the emergency becomes so great that it endangers life and property.

This discussion was the most heated yet produced by the convention. The delegates from states infested with radical labor organizations, such as Minnesota and Washington, urged that the convention place itself squarely on record.

Universal military training was endorsed again by the Legion, and the army reorganization act of last June was approved without dissent.

The American Legion is not to enter politics. This was obvious after the constitution committee had reported back to the convention and made an adverse ruling on the proposition to strike out the political restriction clause.

It had been contended by some of

the delegates that their organization should take no middle ground when a candidate with an unsavory war record—one who had opposed legislation beneficial to the ex-service person—was running for office; that the veterans, as the American Legion, should concentrate in an effort to defeat him. This proposal was a source of great concern to the more conservative element in the Legion, who felt that there was a danger of becoming partisan and thereby dealing the Legion a blow from which it would be difficult to recover. The action of the committee, therefore, was gratifying to most of the delegates.

This does not mean that the Legion is to stand by without remonstrance and see the offices of the country go to unworthy men. A resolution was adopted making provision for opposing such men or women, as follows: "Resolved, that necessary action be taken by state and national departments to provide for the dissemination of data to each post of the American Legion regarding the actual position taken by each and every public official, as shown by vote, speech or action, or any and all matters pertaining to the welfare of the American Legion."

**Membership Is Guarded**

Once again the veterans have refused to let down the restrictions against the membership in their organization to persons of whose status they are not absolutely certain. An effort was made to have the Legion declare in favor of the civilian employees of base hospitals during the war being taken in as members. It was pointed out that these women had been regularly enlisted, had had service records, were subject to army regulations and were honorably discharged from the service when released. It was further asserted that these women had been deprived of their just deserts by not receiving the bonus and that it was up to the Legion to take care of them. After a lengthy debate the delegates referred the matter to the national executive committee.

A recommendation was made to institute a permanent department for members of the Legion's auxiliary, and it is probable the word auxiliary in connection with their units will be changed.

A score of other resolutions were passed, all of them directly affecting the status of the veteran, in so far as the disabled and wounded and other beneficial legislation are concerned. They recommend passage of these laws by Congress.

**Bronx Would Be Host**

The New York delegation played little part in the day's proceedings, although the two lone delegates from the Bronx, assisted by one up-stater, had a little fun at the expense of the delegation from Kansas City.

In the debate on the convention city for 1921 a Bronx delegate made an impressive plea for the convention, laying particular stress upon the advantages to be found in that borough. Ebling's Casino was offered as the convention hall, and "all the hotels in the Bronx" were lauded. However, Kansas City won the fight. The convention will be held there next October 31 and November 1 and 2.

To-night the question of who will be the national officers is as vague as ever. MacNider, of Iowa, and Galbraith, of Ohio, seem to be the most likely candidates.

Never has a soldier received a more typically American welcome than that accorded Major General Leonard Wood

when he reached the convention hall. General Wood made a straight from-the-shoulder address to his comrades—he is a legionnaire—in which he urged upon them the necessity for absolute preparedness as the best preventive against future wars.

He made a plea for solidarity among the Allied people, and urged the veterans not to tolerate insidious propaganda designed to stir factional differences between this country and those with whom its soldiers fought. Mention of Roosevelt caused an enthusiastic outburst difficult to suppress, and his criticism of the position of this country in "trying to find out whether the war was a holy war or not" won him an ovation.

**Fayolle Represents France**

General Wood was accompanied to the convention hall by General Marie Emile Fayolle, representing the French government and spokesman for Marshal Foch, and Admiral Sir William Lowther Grant, Great Britain's envoy to the convention. Both these distinguished guests addressed the convention and made a plea for unity of purpose among the people of their country and the citizens of America. They received an ovation.

"We deserved victory and we got it," said General Fayolle. "We have won the war together. Now the question is to assure peace over the world, and it can only be done if we are working together. If the spirit of solidarity which gave us victory were to become weak enough to disappear one day this victory would be fruitless for humanity."

"Nothing separates us but the ocean, and you have shown to the world how you could cross it."

The British Admiralty have a heart-whole sympathy with the great work this organization is carrying out on behalf of soldiers and sailors who have served during the war," Admiral Grant said. "They and we all recognize that your objective is common to the roots of both nations."

"The British Admiralty desire to show that they can never forget the devoted, loyal and unselfish cooperation of your naval forces in the recent period of such awful stress."

The convention sent a message to President Wilson expressing "sincere sympathy for him in his present suffering and affliction, and reiterating to him our unalterable determination to support and uphold unswervingly the principles and Constitution of our country."

**Willard Mack in Hospital**

**Actor Taken to Bellevue From Friars in Closed Auto**

Willard Mack, actor and former husband of Pauline Frederick, was removed from the Friars yesterday to Bellevue Hospital. In real life Mr. Mack's name is Charles W. McLaughlin. Since his domestic troubles, in August of this year he has been stopping at the Friars.

Shortly after noon a friend called up Bellevue and asked if it would be possible to have Mr. Mack sent there. The hospital authorities said that it would, and he was taken in a closed automobile.

He was placed directly in charge of Dr. Forhe, of the staff. Details of his condition or the exact nature of his indisposition were refused at both the Friars and at Bellevue.

## Pilgrim Delegates Sulgrave Guests at Hotel Astor Dinner

**Lord Rathcreedan Dwells on Amicable Relations of Britain and U. S., With Promise of World Peace**

The representatives sent by Great Britain, Canada and the Netherlands to attend the local celebration of the Pilgrims' tercentenary were guests of the Sulgrave Institute last night at a dinner at the Hotel Astor. There were 700 persons at the dinner, representatives of many nationalities and of more than seventy American patriotic organizations.

Colonel George W. Burleigh, chairman of the Committee on International Hospitality of the Sulgrave Institution, presided and introduced the following speakers:

John A. Stewart, chairman Board of Governors of the Sulgrave Institution; Lord Rathcreedan, chairman of the British delegation; Dr. W. H. de Beaufort, Charge d'Affaires and Counselor of the Netherlands Legation; General John Pershing, who welcomed the visitors in the name of the United States Army; Vice-Admiral Hilary P. Jones, commanding the battleship squadron of the Atlantic Fleet, and Raoul Dandurand, speaker of the Canadian Senate.

After reading a telegram from President Wilson in which the Executive expressed regret at not being able, because of ill health, to attend the celebration, Colonel Burleigh proposed a toast to Mr. Wilson's health, and the diners stood and sang while the orchestra played the national anthem.

Lord Rathcreedan said the British delegation was here to help intensify the kindly feeling between the United States and Britain. "No two nations are so closely allied as they," he declared, and added that "it is our hope that there will be one great brotherhood of nations, which, through the efforts of our two united nations, will bring happiness to all mankind."

Those at the dais included U. S. R. chira, acting Consul General of Italy; Gloster Armstrong, British Consul General here; Rear Admiral Edward Simpson, commanding the supply train of the Atlantic fleet; Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L.; Lady Rathcreedan, Sir Arthur E. Shipley, Rear Admiral E. W. Eberle, U. S. N.; L. Gordon Hamersley, treasurer of Sul-

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## Extradition Papers Sent To Virginia for Betts

**Nassau County Prosecutor Will Press Case Himself if Hitch Occurs**

The stage is being set in Mineola for grand jury proceedings against the men implicated in gambling and other forms of law-breaking in Nassau County. It is understood that when the October body convenes next Monday several cases that have been cleaned up in the John Doe proceedings before Supreme Court Justice Townsend Scudder will be presented.

There was no continuation of the John Doe proceedings scheduled for yesterday, but Justice Scudder held a conference with District Attorney Weeks to prepare for the grand jury proceedings.

Detective Byck was sent to Richmond, Va., yesterday with the extradition papers for "Colonel" Lew Betts. District Attorney Weeks announced that if the detectives are unable to obtain the extradition of Betts he will go down to Virginia himself to press the case.

## Smallpox Holds Up Liner

**Case in Steerage Delays Docking of the Mobile Until To-day**

The White Star liner Mobile, which was scheduled to dock last night at Pier 59, North River, will not land her passengers until this morning. On her arrival yesterday from Liverpool a case of smallpox was discovered in the steerage and the patient was removed to Swinburne Island while the vessel lay at Quarantine. As a precaution, all the Mobile's steerage passengers were vaccinated.

The long delay down the bay made it impossible for the vessel to start for her pier until 5:40 p. m. After she was under way it was found that she would not warp in because of the strong tide and the docking was postponed.

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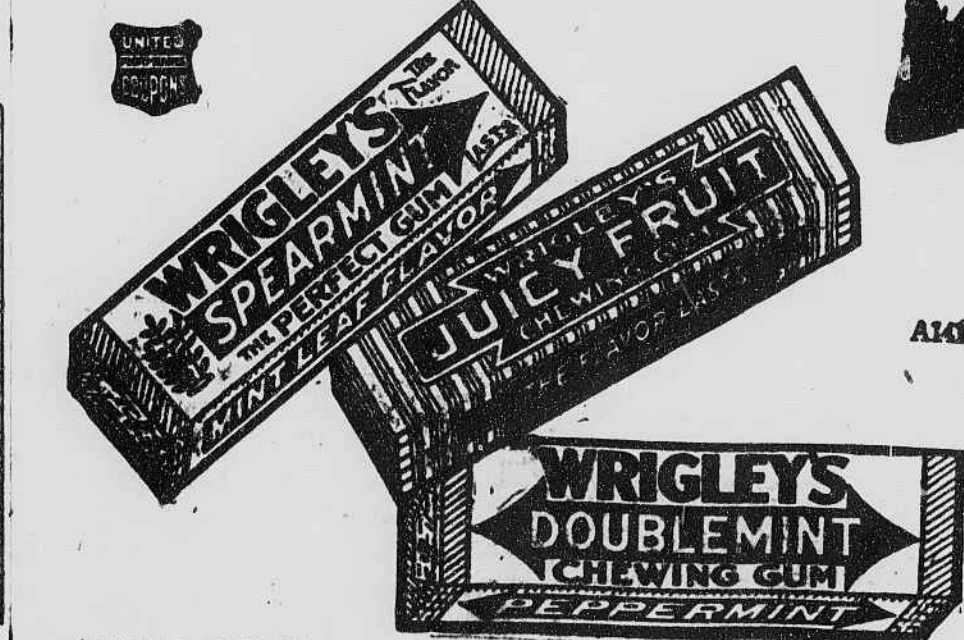
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